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The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

- 1) 2003-308783
- 2) 2005-91555
- 3) 6-44907
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References 1) - 4) include an English language abstract. Reference 4) also includes a "concise explanation" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) as set forth in the specification at page 3, lines 10-14.

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